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**Applicant(s):** Kiyotaka Matsuno, et al.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 23, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks. A three-month extension of time is requested for extending the date to respond from November 23, 2004 to February 23, 2004. Payment of the required fee is enclosed.

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